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MOTION NO. **9540**

A MOTION establishing principles to guide the executive in the negotiation of law enforcement contracts with cities in King County.

WHEREAS, the King County department of public safety currently provides full law enforcement services on contract to eight cities in King County, and

WHEREAS, in 1994, contract cities comprised approximately 22 percent of the population served by the department, and accounted for approximately 35 percent of the reported crime, 29 percent of the arrests and 35 percent of the dispatched calls for service, and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the amount of revenue from city law enforcement contracts was \$17.3 million, representing 30 percent of the King County department of public safety's 1994 adopted budget of \$57.6 million, and

WHEREAS, recent and future city annexations and incorporations could significantly increase the percentage of the department's resources devoted to providing contract services, and

WHEREAS, the county has adopted policies that support the development and continuation of contracts to enable the department to preserve the quality, depth and breadth of its law enforcement services, and

WHEREAS, the department is nationally recognized for its expertise in such services as outdoor crime scene analysis and major accident reconstruction, and